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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Reduction of Lead Risk - Permanent Relocation Payment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an owner of an affected property who fails to comply  
4 with certain lead risk reduction requirements to, on request of the tenant,  
5 immediately release the tenant from the lease or rental agreement and pay to  
6 the tenant certain relocation expenses, not to exceed a certain amount; and  
7 generally relating to the reduction of lead risk in housing.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Environment  
10 Section 6-825  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Environment**

16 6-825.

17 IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PENALTIES PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, IF AN  
18 OWNER OF AN AFFECTED PROPERTY FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS PART, THE  
19 OWNER, ON REQUEST OF THE TENANT, SHALL:

20 (1) IMMEDIATELY RELEASE THE TENANT FROM THE TERMS OF THE  
21 LEASE OR RENTAL AGREEMENT; AND

22 (2) PAY TO THE TENANT ALL REASONABLE RELOCATION EXPENSES,  
23 NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500, DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PERMANENT RELOCATION OF  
24 THE TENANT.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
26 effect October 1, 2004.